

State BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998 California

The population of California in 1998 was 32,987,675. Its rank was 1st in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 California had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$28,374. This PCPI ranked 11th in the United States and was 106 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 7.1 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of California was \$19,599 and ranked 7th in the United States. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 California had a total personal income (TPI) of \$936,008,661*. This TPI ranked 1st in the United States. In 1988 the TPI of California was \$557,867,421* and ranked 1st in the United States. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 8.8 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.8 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and total personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of California. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 68.8 percent of TPI (compared with 70.8 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.4 percent (compared with 19.0 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 11.9 percent (compared with 10.3 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 9.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.0 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 5.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in California increased from \$659,094,679* in 1997 to \$719,456,423* in 1998, an increase of 9.2 percent. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$442,740,895* to the 1998 estimate was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.